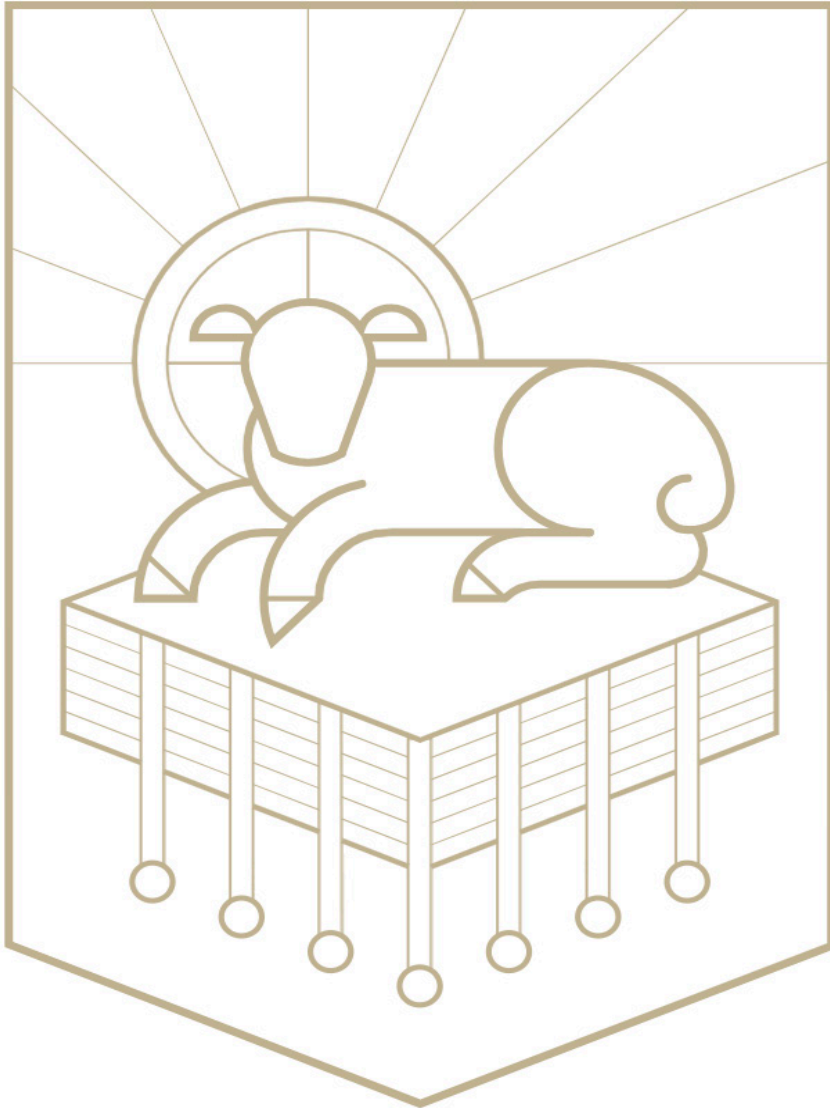




GRACE + PEACE
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Third Sunday in Eastertide
April 14, 2024



Welcome | Grace + Peace is a gospel formed family for the city. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether skeptical, curious, or a committed follower of Jesus Christ, there is room for you.

Nursery | Nursery for children ages birth through 4 years old is available during the entire worship service. Babies and toddlers are in two separate rooms. To get to the nursery, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to check in your child and show you to their rooms. Children ages 0-2 will be in Room S102 and children ages 2-4 will be in room S101. Many parents choose to pick up their child just prior to communion for the last part of the worship service. This is a great way to introduce them to worshipping corporately. You may also opt to have your child remain in nursery for the duration of the service, as childcare is provided the entire time.

Family Room | We have a room set up in Stedman Hall for families if you would like a more private place to comfort your babies. To get to the family room, you will exit out the back of the sanctuary and go through the glass double doors on the left. From there, you will walk down the ramp and take a right when you get to the end of the sidewalk. Enter through the double glass doors where you will find our Nursery Coordinator sitting at a table ready to direct you to the room which will also be marked with a sign. A live stream will be running so that you may continue to listen and participate in worship.

Children's Ministry | Children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend our "Grapes + Peas" class. Children in Grapes + Peas participate in the first part of worship with their family, are dismissed during the sermon for a lesson, and return with their teachers to the sanctuary before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Preparation for Worship

Prelude | *Do With it What You Will*

You have given all to me, to You, O Lord, I return it
Ev'rything I have is Yours: do with it what You will
You will gather all of me, ev'ry gift, ev'ry burden
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour: do with it what You will

Refrain:

*I lift it up, I lay it down at Your table
Multiply my sacrifice for You are able*

Words and Music: Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan, Kate Bluett, 2023.

Welcome

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Welcome, brothers and sisters in Christ.

People: Joyfully we lift our hearts and our voices with you.

Celebrant: Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.

People: Alleluia.

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Worship | *Oh, Great is Our God*

Oh, Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!
No song is too loud, No orchestra too stately!
To hail the majesty of our King,
So lift your voices loud as we sing.

Oh, Great is our God! So let our songs be endless.
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids,
And we will sing about the gracious gifts You give.

Refrain:

*We will sing Your praise and pour forth Your fame
We will bless Your name
Let everyone give thanks, because our God is great!*

Oh, Great is our God! And we cannot contain it!
We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness.
His mercy covers all that He's made,
Showing His glory and His grace.

Refrain

Words and Music: The Sing Team, 2012.

Song of Worship | *A Thousand Hallelujahs*

Refrain:

*With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory, the honor and the praise
Lord Jesus, this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs, and a thousand more*

Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Refrain

Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

Refrain

Praise to the Lord, to the lamb, to the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose, now He reigns. We will sing forever

Refrain

Words and Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Phil Wickham, Scott Ligertwood, 2023.

Confession of Sin | *Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11, NRSV*

Celebrant: O God, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with shame our slowness to learn of him,
our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

Celebrant: We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our hesitating witness for Christ,
our evasion of responsibilities in our service,
our imperfect stewardship of your gifts.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.

[Silence for self-examination and personal confession.]

Words of Encouragement | *Romans 8:14-17*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed; Alleluia!

Song of Response | *Jesus Paid it All*

I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small,
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all."

Refrain:

*Jesus paid it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone.

Refrain

For nothing good have I
Where-by Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Refrain

Words and Music: Elvina M. Hall, 1865. Add. chorus: Alex Nifong, 2006.

Grapes + Peas Blessing

At this time children from Pre-K through 2nd grade may come up to the front of the sanctuary to be prayed over. After the prayer, they will meet their teachers at the door in the front right corner of the sanctuary to walk to their classroom in the Stedman Hall for a short lesson. Pre-K through Kindergarten will meet in Room S106, and 1st through 2nd grade will meet in Room S105. They will return just before communion. For first-time visitors, please escort your child with us to the classroom so we can introduce ourselves.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Old Testament Reading | *Zechariah 4, ESV (Pew Bible page 794)*

¹ And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ² And he said to me, “What do you see?” I said, “I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³ And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.” ⁴ And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵ Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts. ⁷ Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of ‘Grace, grace to it!’”

⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ⁹ “The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also complete it. Then you will know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰ For whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice, and shall see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel.

“These seven are the eyes of the Lord, which range through the whole earth.”

¹¹ Then I said to him, “What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?” ¹² And a second time I answered and said to him, “What are these two branches of the olive trees, which are beside the two golden pipes from which the golden oil is poured out?” ¹³ He said to me, “Do you not know what these are?” I said, “No, my lord.” ¹⁴ Then he said, “These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.”

New Testament Reading | *Revelation 11:1-14, ESV (Pew Bible page 1034)*

¹Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ²but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. ⁷And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹²Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here!” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. ¹³And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

¹⁴The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is soon to come.

Celebrant: This is the Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Sermon Series | Revelation: Seeing is Believing
Sermon: A Call to Witness | *Avery Kelly*
Sermon Notes:

[Please pass the blue sign-in pads on the left end of the row at this time.]

Offertory | *Do With it What You Will*

You have given all to me, to You, O Lord, I return it
Ev'rything I have is Yours: do with it what You will
You will gather all of me, ev'ry gift, ev'ry burden
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour: do with it what You will

Refrain:

*I lift it up, I lay it down at Your table
Multiply my sacrifice for You are able*

I will take my daily cross ev'ry step of the journey
I will bear it for Your sake: Do with it what You will
Take my laughter and my loss, make them tools of Your mercy
Anything my hands can make: do with it what You will

Refrain

Words and Music: Nick Chambers, Leslie Jordan, Kate Bluett, 2023.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*People: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Profession of Faith | *Apostle's Creed*

*All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy catholic Church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen.*

Celebration of Communion

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious Name; evermore praising you, and singing,

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Arrangement: David Lutes and David Breeding.

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us now proclaim the mystery of the faith:

*People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

Prayer of Consecration

Table Blessing

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose again for you, and feed on him by Faith, with thanksgiving.

Table Welcome

We welcome all baptized Christians who believe in the Gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ to participate in the Communion meal. This includes all Christians, whether members here or not. Children who have been baptized and interviewed by the elders of this church or the ruling body of another church are also welcome to the table. If you're still investigating Christianity, not sure what you believe, or simply choose not to participate in the Eucharist, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Note: Grape juice is provided in the center of each tray. All bread is gluten free.

Prayer of Searching for Truth:

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing:

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

Communion | *Ancient of Days*

Though the nations rage, kingdoms rise and fall
There is still one King reigning over all
So I will not fear for this truth remains:
That my God is, the Ancient of Days

Refrain:

*None above Him, none before Him
All of time in His hands
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand
All the power, all the glory
I will trust in His name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days*

Though the dread of night overwhelms my soul
He is here with me, I am not alone
O His love is sure, and He knows my name
For my God is, the Ancient of Days

Refrain

Though I may not see what the future brings
I will watch and wait for the Savior King
Then my joy complete standing face to face
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

Refrain

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Jesse Reeves, 2018.

Communion | *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he comes to feed,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim.
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name.

Trust that the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

Words: William Kethe, 1596. Tune, OLD HUNDREDTH.

Sending Song | *Our Salvation is Bound Up Together*

Our salvation is bound up together
Our salvation is bound up together
Our salvation is bound up together
As we walk through this wilderness

When one suffers, we feel it together
When one suffers, we feel it together
When one suffers, we feel it together
As we walk through this wilderness

Refrain:

*No man, no woman
Can walk this road alone
Bind us together O Lord*

In our laughter, we share joy together
In our laughter, we share joy together
In our laughter, we share joy together
As we walk through this wilderness

Refrain

Words and Music: Paul Zach, 2022.

Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Christ is risen!

People: *He is risen indeed; Alleluia!*

Benediction | *based on Revelation 7:12*

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain upon you this day and forever. Amen.

Sending

Celebrant: Go forth, remembering who you are and to whom you belong.

People: *With God's help, we will!*

Calendar

This Week

4/14	9:30 am	Sunday School
4/14	10:45 am	Sunday Worship Service
4/14	3 pm	Grace Teens Student Ministry Meeting @ Gym
4/15	7 am	Men's Morning Bible Study @ Central Market
4/17	10 am	Women's Morning Bible Study @ Raven's house
4/18	9 am	Joy Club @ G102
4/20	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library
4/20	10 am	Men's Brunch @ Krufft's house

April

28	12:15 pm	Ananias House Update from Becca Coley @ G101
29	7:30 pm	Women's Firepit @ TBD

May

3	6 pm	Hymn Sing @ Sanctuary
5	12:15 pm	G+P Birthday Celebration
6	8 pm	Contemplative Prayer Meeting @ Church Office
17	7 pm	Spring Songwriter Concert
18	9:30 am	King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club @ Office Library
26		Grace Teens Movie Night Fundraiser @ Gym

**Note: Sunday morning worship services stream live on YouTube at 10:45 am*

Announcement Highlights

Men's Brunch

Men, join us for our quarterly Saturday Morning Brunch on Saturday, **April 20th from 10:00-11:30 am**. The goal is to enjoy one another and participate in a guided, topical spiritual conversation as one small way to assist one another in our growth toward spiritual maturity. Please RSVP using the QR code below.



Volunteer Need: Sign Setup Team

We are in need of several more volunteers to join the signs team. It's a great opportunity to serve our community since our outdoor signs make it easier for visitors to join us for worship in the sanctuary. For more information or to join the team reach out to Alisha Ligon: facilities@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Announcements

The King's Crafters: Knitting and Crochet Club | Join us for fellowship and crafting on the third Saturday of every month in the Library. All skill levels welcome, whether you're an expert or have never picked up a needle or hook in your life! Contact Alisha Ligon for more information. **This month's meeting: April 20th at 9:30am**

Women's Firepit Nights | Ladies, join us for a fire pit night at the McMahan's. Byob and byo-chair. Contact Mary Carlisle (mccrehore@gmail.com) for more information. **Future Date: 4/29**

Hymn Sing | Join us the evening of **Friday, May 3rd** in the sanctuary for a Hymn Sing from from **6-7pm!** We'll sing old hymns, new hymns and everything in between. While not a formal service, it'll be a great time lifting up the Lord's praise in song together. Let Mac (mac@graceandpeaceaustin.com) know if you have any questions.

Vacation Bible School | Registration is open for VBS, happening **June 24-27 from 9am-12pm**. This is for all rising Kinder-5th graders, Youth Helpers (6th-12th grade), and Adult Volunteers! RSVP by scanning the QR code below and reach out to Laura Perez (laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com) with any questions. We can't wait to welcome you to a fun week of VBS this June!



Announcements

Men's Morning Bible Study | Guys, we'd love for you to join us **Monday mornings at 7:00am** as we apply the gospel to our lives using the sermon discussion questions and pray for one another. We meet every week at Central Market (North Lamar) in the upstairs cafe area! For more info email Eric Buescher (edbuescher@hotmail.com).

Women's Prayer Group | Hello Ladies! Please join us in praying through the Psalms, **Friday mornings at 7:00am** on Zoom. We spend 30 minutes praying through the Psalms of the day and individual prayers and petitions. It is a delightful and refreshing way to start your Friday! Reach out to Jeanette Sands at jeanette.sands@gmail.com to RSVP and get the Zoom link.

Contemplative Prayer Meeting | Please join us at **8pm the first Monday of each month** for a short time (30-45 min) to intentionally pause from the busyness and anxiety of our weeks, and make time to be still, quiet our thoughts, and open ourselves to God's presence and action within. All are welcome!

Sermon Series Scripture Readings

4/14/2024 Revelation 11:1-14

4/21/2024 Revelation 12-14

4/28/2024 Revelation 17-19

5/5/2024 Revelation 20:1-15

5/12/2024 Revelation 21

5/19/2024 Revelation 22

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Giving to Grace + Peace

You can give in several ways, including online through our secure website, graceandpeaceaustin.com/give. If you choose to give online, paying by bank versus credit/debit is preferred to avoid fees coming out of your tithe.

Connect on a Deeper Level

Our Parish Groups are a great way to get to know people in the church.

To get connected with one of these groups, reach out to

Avery Kelly: avery@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Grace + Peace Prayer List

If you have a prayer need and/or would like to be added to the Prayer List, please contact Laura Perez: laura@graceandpeaceaustin.com

Facility Requests

If you would like to rent any of our rooms, please go to: graceandpeaceaustin.com/facilityrequest

Discussion Questions

1. This passage makes it clear the church's role (both as individual and institution) is to be a witness for Christ until His return. What are some ways you are prone to downplay this role in your life? How does knowing our witness is empowered by the Spirit encourage this role in your life?
2. The church's witness utilizes the petition of prayer to bring God's judgment to bear on the world's gods and idols by revealing their powerlessness and futility. How do we pray with a right heart against the gods/idols of this age? What are some of the idols that the people of Austin (including ourselves) need exposed?
3. We're called to witness in sackcloth, by repentance and brokenness over our own sin. This is often easiest to model in relationships. What are two relationships in your life in which you could be more intentional with a repentant witness (you don't have to give names, but be as specific as possible), and what would that look like in that relationship?



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Diaconate Contact Info: If you or someone you know has a need (big or small!) or crisis, the G + P Diaconate wants to help care for you. Please email us at activedeacons@graceandpeaceaustin.com. You may also seek us out to speak with one of us directly. The Diaconate members are:

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| Justin Barclay | Casey McMahan |
| Charlie Brown | Susan Olasky |
| Margaret Brown | Mary Kate Peters |
| Robert Douglass | Mark Schwarz |
| John Lamb | |

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